



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## **FY 04 Homeland Security Grants Approach End of Grant Period**

Jurisdictions receiving 04 Homeland Security funds, competitive and otherwise, are reminded that the grant period ends November 30, 2005. **Spending must be substantially finished by September 1, 2005 in order to allow for invoicing to be completed.**

A review of spending progress will be conducted. Jurisdictions risk having the award withdrawn if funds are not spent. Those communities, which completed spending and reimbursement, must submit a Final Report.

## **Blunt Streamlines Homeland Security Efforts**

Gov. Matt Blunt formally merged homeland security responsibilities into the Department of Public Safety and establishing the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Public Safety Director Mark James will chair the 17-member council along with vice chairman Michael Chapman, the state's Homeland Security Director. The council will focus on local and state homeland security plans and how homeland security grant funds can best be coordinated and expedited.

Other council members include Director of the State Emergency Management Agency Ronald M. Reynolds, Director of Health and Senior Services Julia M. Eckstein, Director of Transportation Pete K. Rahn, Director of Agriculture Fred Ferrell, Director of Natural Resources Doyle Childers, Director of Economic Development Gregory A. Steinhoff, Chief Information Officer of the State Dan Ross, State Adjutant General BG King E. Sidwell, Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire, State Fire Marshal Randy Cole, Commissioner of the Water Patrol Rad Talburt, Chairman of the Public Service Commission Jeff Davis and three public members appointed by the governor.

## **Blunt Activates Drought Assessment Committee, 106 Counties Impacted**

Governor Matt Blunt directed the Department of Natural Resources to activate Missouri's Drought Assessment Committee for 106 Missouri counties with Drought conditions. The committee provides a means for state and federal agencies to work together for the benefit of Missouri's drought-stricken areas.

The Missouri Drought Assessment Committee will begin immediate assessments of the affected areas under the Missouri Drought Response Plan. The plan defines four levels of increasing concern based on the severity of the lack of moisture and the corresponding impacts. A drought alert, the second of these four levels, is declared when area rainfall is below normal for several months, plants begin to show stress, stream levels drop and pond levels begin to fall noticeably.

**The 54 counties in Phase 1 Advisory Drought** Conditions are: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Barry, Bates, Bollinger, Buchanan, Butler, Caldwell, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Clark, Clinton, Dade, Davies, Dekalb, Douglas, Dunklin, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Iron, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Madison, Mercer, Mississippi, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Putnam, Ray, Reynolds, Ripley, Schuyler, Scotland, Scott, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Wayne, Worth, Wright and Vernon.

**The 52 counties in Phase 2 Alert Drought** Conditions are: Audrain, Benton, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Christian, Cooper, Chariton, Cole, Crawford, Dallas, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Howard, Hickory, Howell, Jefferson, Knox, Laclede, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Marion, Miller, Montgomery, Moniteau, Monroe, Morgan, Oregon, Osage, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Ralls, Saline, Shannon, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Louis, Texas, Washington, Warren and Webster

### **Gayla Weber, Brenda Gerlach Join Planning/Disaster Recovery Branch**

The Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch would like to welcome Gayla Weber and Brenda Gerlach to the Branch. Gayla is the new Area Coordinator for Area F. She will provide planning assistance and coordinate other SEMA activities for the Area F Counties of: Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Miller, Morgan, Moniteau, Montgomery, and Osage. Most recently, Gayla served as the Earthquake Program Manager in the Floodplain and Mitigation Branch. She can be reached at (573) 526 - 9126. Her Email address is: [gayla.weber@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:gayla.weber@sema.dps.mo.gov)

Brenda Gerlach joins the Disaster Section as an Emergency Management Officer III. She previously served as the Agency's Procurement Officer. Brenda can be reached at (573) 526 - 9203. Her Email address is: [Brenda.Gerlach@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Brenda.Gerlach@sema.dps.mo.gov). Congratulations to Gayla and Brenda and **WELCOME!**

### **Gentle Rains from Hurricane Dennis**

The rains from Hurricane Dennis entered Southeast Missouri on Sunday, July 10. After three days of gentle rains, Southeast Missouri EMDs reported some areas received up to 6 inches of rain without flooding, reported Area E Coordinator, Mark Winkler.

### **Task Force 1 Deployed, Returns from Hurricane Dennis**

Missouri Task Force 1 (Boone County's urban search-and-rescue team) returned after a four-day deployment to Mississippi for Hurricane Dennis. FEMA both activated and deactivated the team. Task Force 1 was deployed on July 9 to Hattiesburg, MS, west of the anticipated damage area. Because Dennis turned out to be less severe than forecasters predicted, the team's specialized search capabilities were largely unnecessary. The team was initially scheduled for a 10-day deployment.

Task Force 1 is one of 28 urban search-and-rescue teams across the country and took a 34-member crew - including 17 firefighters from the Boone County Fire Protection District - to Mississippi. The crew carried along 20,000 pounds of equipment, including water rescue supplies. In 2003, Task Force 1 was deployed to Virginia in response to Hurricane Isabel, and the team also responded to the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

### **Area Coordinator Meetings...**

Area A:	September 22, 2005	10 a.m.	911 Center, Carrollton
Area E:	August 5, 2005	11 a.m.	Location TBA, Sikeston
Area G:	September 7, 2005	11:30 a.m.	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs
Area H:	September 1, 2005	1:30 p.m.	Red Cross Building, St. Joseph

### **Cathy Zumwalt Retires August 1**

SEMA's Cathy Zumwalt will retire from SEMA effective August 1. Cathy joined SEMA 31 years ago as a secretary to Bill Johnson in the Radiological department. She became a communications operator in 1978, in 1990 she became a communications specialist in the Operations Branch. She was an integral part of SEMA's Emergency Operations Center communications operation for a number of disasters including the Floods of 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, the 2002 ice storm and the 2003 tornadoes. Many EMDs, elected officials, and state agency responders, know Cathy for the 17 outstanding Spring Conferences and 7 excellent Communications Conferences she coordinated. After taking August off, she plans to work in conference coordinating.

## **SEMA Summer Newsletters Posted to Homepage**

The SEMA newsletters are now on our homepage in PDF format. Here are the links: SEMA Newsletter: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf> Mitigation News: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf> MERC News: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf> and MEPA News: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mepanews.pdf>

## **EMI Remains in FEMA**

On a July 12, a national conference call was conducted regarding the reorganization of Department of Homeland Security. According to Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Michael P. Jackson and Director Josh Filler, the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will reside in FEMA.

## **SEMA NIMS/ICS and Terrorism Awareness Training**

SEMA is providing several organizations training grants to provide NIMS/ICS and Terrorism Awareness training to the local jurisdictions as requested. With the exception of the Government Training Institute (GTI) at the Kansas City MARC who will provide limited training outside the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, these providers are expected to travel to the jurisdictions and provide the training throughout the state. The list of the providers and their points of contact is included below. Any interested jurisdictions/organizations should contact the provider of their choice to schedule a course. I am sure that these providers want to schedule as many of the courses listed below as soon as possible:

- IS700-NIMS, An Introduction
- IS800-National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction
- I100-Introduction to the Incident Command System (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I200-Basic Incident Command System (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I300-Incident Command System, Intermediate (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I400-Incident Command System, Advanced (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- AWR160-WMD Standardized Awareness Course

This program is financed through the ODP 2004 grant process. If all goes well, we anticipate the availability of 2005 funding to continue the program beyond November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the beginning of our effort to meet the NIMS compliance requirement prior to October 1, 2006. Missouri recommends going to the NIMS training guidelines link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NIMSCompliance.doc>.

The I300 and I400 courses are in revision and are not ODP approved yet. As soon as they are approved they will be made available through the providers.

### **Training provider contact information:**

**Central Missouri State University** POC: Mike Penrod Coordinator of Homeland Security for Central Missouri State University, Missouri Safety Center, Humphreys 201, Warrensburg, MO 64093 (660) 543-8718 or (800) 801-3588 [penrod@cmsu1.cmsu.edu](mailto:penrod@cmsu1.cmsu.edu)

**Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)** POC: Erin Lynch, Emergency Services Administrator for Mid-America Regional Council, 600 Broadway, 300 Rivergate Center, Kansas City, MO 64105-1554, (816) 421-7758 [elynych@marc.org](mailto:elynych@marc.org) or Kristine Martin, Emergency Services Training & Exercise Coordinator, (816) 474-4240 [kmartin@marc.org](mailto:kmartin@marc.org)

**Missouri Police Chiefs' Assn.** POC Sheldon Lineback, Executive Director, Missouri Police Chiefs' Assn. 1001 E. High St., Jefferson City, MO 65101, (573) 636-5444 [slineback@mopca.com](mailto:slineback@mopca.com)

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**MU Fire & Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI)** Gary Wilson, MUFRTI, 240 Heinkel Bldg., Columbia, MO 65211, (800) 869-3476, (573) 882-4735, [WilsonGL@missouri.edu](mailto:WilsonGL@missouri.edu)

**St. Charles Community College** POC: Lita M. Pener, Director, Workforce Development, St. Charles Community College, 4601 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376, (636) 922-8425, [Lpener@stchas.edu](mailto:Lpener@stchas.edu) or Amanda Sizemore, Administrative Assistant, (636) 922-8388, [Asizemore@stchas.edu](mailto:Asizemore@stchas.edu)

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### **Enroll In One of These Free SEMA Classes**

August 3-4	Radiological Emergency Response	Drury Inn & Suites Springfield
August 3-4	Resource Management	Drury Inn & Suites KC Stadium
August 9-11	Emergency Planning	Best Western Jefferson City
August 10	CERT Program Management Seminar	Assn of School Administrators Jeff City
August 10-11	Medical Considerations	SSM DePaul in Bridgeton
August 16-17	ICS for Law Enforcement	Grand River Inn in Chillicothe
August 16-18	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	St. Louis County EMA
August 16-18	CERT T-t-T	Rolla at Eugene E. Northern Hall
August 23-25	Exercise Design and Evaluation	Chillicothe
August 29-31	EOC Management and Operations	Drury Inn Stadium KC
August 29-30	Medical Considerations	Kansas City

### **National Weather Service Launches Internet Spanish Forecasts and Alerts**

Forecast offices within the Southern Region of the National Weather Service now feature Spanish language forecasts, watches, warnings, advisories and hazardous weather outlooks on the Internet. Each Web site of the 32 Weather Forecast Offices in 10 southern states from New Mexico to Georgia and Florida, plus Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, launches to a watch, warning and advisory map containing the link "Experimental: en español." Selecting this link sends visitors instantly to weather information in Spanish. To view an example of a Spanish language web page, visit: [http://www.srh.noaa.gov/meg/index\\_spa.php](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/meg/index_spa.php).

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Night Out Set for August 2**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will participate in the National Association of Town Watch 22<sup>nd</sup> annual National Night Out (NNO) on August 2, 2005. Materials and information from the Department's Ready campaign will be distributed to the public at NNO events across the nation. Officials from the National Association of Town Watch expect to reach more than 34 million people in over 10,000 communities in this effort toward safer, more unified and better prepared communities.

The event brings together citizens, police and fire personnel, neighborhood organizations, local officials, civic groups and businesses to promote community partnerships that create safe and vibrant neighborhoods. Between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on August 2, 2005, communities across the country will host events including: block parties, parades, traditional "lights on" and front porch vigils, neighborhood visits by local law enforcement agencies, flashlight walks, safety fairs, poster and essay contests, and neighborhood meetings.

### **Wakeman Departs**

On July 15, 2005, SEMA Deputy Director James Wakeman announced his departure from SEMA effective immediately. His expertise will be missed.

**READERS:** Are there items you would like to see addressed or information you would like to share in future Bulletins? Please submit ideas/information to [susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov)